THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRI P. V. RANGAYYA NAIDU): (a) to (d) The work relating to compilation of annual accounts of DESU has been in arrears for the past several years due to the delay in the compilation/reconciliation of the trial balances by the various accounting units. However, as a result of the Special efforts, DESU has already finalised and submitted the Annual Accounts upto 1990-91. Time schedules have also been drawn up to finalise the accounts for the subsequent years. Municipal Auditors have raised some draft audit objections relating to bulk supply of power, *inter-alia*, covering billing matters and recoveries from consumers. DESU has initiated action to send appropriate replies to the audit objections.

U.S. Companies Investment in Power Projects

2022. SHRI MOHINDER SINGH KALYAN: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that recently a consortium of U.S. Power Companies have offered to invest £ 6 billion in power projects; and

(b) if so, what is the Government's response thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRI P. V. RANGAYYA NAIDU): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The consortium has already signed an MOU with Tamil Nadu Electricity Board (TNEB) on 5th December, 1992 for a 1000 MW Coal-fired Thermal Power Station at Cuddalore. The consortium are discussing details of the project including Power Purchase Agreement with TNEB and are tying up the various clearances.

Purchase of Transformers

2023. SHRI GAYA SINGH:

SHRI CHATURANAN MISHRA:

Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether some transformers purchased from the manufacturers broke down during the Warranty period and new ones were purchased;

(b) if so, the details thereof:

(c) the steps taken to get such broken transformers repaired and compensation from the manufacturers; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor and action taken against those in DESU for heavy losses suffered by DESU?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRI P. V. RANGAYYA NAIDU): (a) to (d) About 1184 distribution transformers had failed during warranty period in DESU during the last three years, upto June, 1993. DESU purchased about 1855 transformers during this period for augmentation/improvement in the distribution system. The main reason for the failure of the transformers is due to overloading caused by theft of electricity in unauthorised colonies/Jhuggi Jhopri clusters. There is no loss to DESU on this account as the suppliers/manufacturers are under contractual obligations to repair/replace the transformers which have failed during warranty period. As such question of holding any DESU officer responsible in this regard does not arise.

Power Projects in Private Sector

2024. SHRIMATI KAMLA SINHA: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is fact that six power projects are to be set up in various parts of the country in the private sector with a generation capacity of 5,000 MW; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRI P. V. RANGAYYA NAIDU): (a) and (b) Seven